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**Lieutenant Governor Announces PSC Broadband Expansion Grant Winners**

[Madison, Wis.] – Today, Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch and PSC Broadband State Director Dr. Tithi Chattopadhyay announced the winners of the 2014 Broadband Expansion Grants at events in Rhinelander, Eau Claire and Platteville.

Broadband access has become a necessity in today's modern world. The State of Wisconsin authorized \$500,000 in grants to be distributed for this calendar year.

"Broadband internet access is about way more than streaming movies and music. It allows local businesses to connect with colleagues and customers around the globe. It enables our students to explore the world with interactive information," said Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch. "Broadband expands the economic and educational horizons of our citizens, and we're excited to see the impact of these grants for communities across Wisconsin."

These grants will help ensure that the growth and expansion of broadband availability will begin to reach areas of the state that are in dire need of connectivity.

Today's events in Rhinelander, Eau Claire and Platteville showcase Wisconsin's commitment to increasing access and providing communities throughout the Badger State with quality contact to the wired and wireless world of the internet.

Please visit the following link to see the award winners:

<http://psc.wi.gov/utilityinfo/tele/broadband/grants/documents/bbGrant2014.pdf>

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